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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN LOBSTER FISHERY

REF: STATE A-2831, JUNE 6, 1976

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE APPRECIATED EMBASSY'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 10, 1976, IN REPLY TO REFAIR. NMFS HAS COMPILED DATA ON THE VENEZUELAN LOBSTER FISHERY AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AND THE ARTICLE IS NOW READY FOR PUBLICATION. A COPY OF REFAIR HAS BEEN POUCHED TO THE ASSISTANT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE SEPARATELY.

2. NMFS IS CONFUSED BY EMBASSY'S STATEMENT IN REFERENCED LETTER THAT THE GOV HAS INSTITUTED "AN ALMOST TOTAL" BAN ON LOBSTER FISHING EXCEPT "BY A FEW FAMILIES"
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FISHING NEAR LOS ROQUES. ACCORDING TO A RECENT FAO REPORT, 97 PERCENT OF ALL VENEZUELA'S LOBSTER IS CAUGHT NEAR LOS ROQUES. IN ADDITION, 1975 CATCH OF LOBSTERS PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY IS THE HIGHEST SINCE 1962.

3. NMFS WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT, IF THE EMBASSY COULD FORWARD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

A) A COPY OF THE VENEZUELAN LAW OR REGULATION PROHIBITING LOBSTER FISHING.

B) LOBSTER CATCH IN 1974 WAS 55 METRIC TONS AND MORE THAN DOUBLED IN 1975. WAS THE LOBSTER BAN INSTITUTED BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE OVERFISHING IN 1975?

C) IS THE GOVERNMENT TRYING TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF LOBSTER EXPLOITATION IN THE LOS ROQUES AREA? HAS THE NUMBER OF "A FEW FAMILIES" FISHING THERE BEEN REDUCED?

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